



# First Regional



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## READY. SET. GO!



The latest renewal of the **Branch of the Quarter** competition got underway on 1st December 2013, and runs until February 2014. Focus this Quarter will be on the continued building of the loan portfolio and ensuring that Permanent Shares are brought up to date. The specifics of the competition have been outlined by the Marketing Department, and already the footsteps are thundering down the track as all the participants have gotten off to an intense competition! At the

end of the day, we are certain that the best branch will emerge winner, and the keenest competitor will walk away with cash prize and other prizes. Watch this space as we track the progress of each team and ultimately declare the winner. We can't wait to see what you can do!!

## CEO'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of 2013 and look forward to the new year, 2014, I take this opportunity to thank each employee of First Regional Co-operative Credit union Ltd for his/her contribution to another successful year.

While some may not subscribe to the notion of making new year resolutions, a New Year, nevertheless usually summons us to pause and take stock anew.

By its very nature, the New Year is always a time for new beginnings and fresh starts - an opportune time to reassess our directions, our priorities and the successful outcomes we would want to see manifest in our daily lives.

It is in this spirit therefore that I greet every First Regional employee and wish for you and yours an enjoyable, peaceful and safe Christmas Holiday as you spend time with family and friends.

For 2014 we look forward to a fruitful and positive year. Our hope is that the path before us will be made straight; and, where there are challenges, that we'll find the faith and courage to overcome. Let us go for growth in 2014.

Do have an enjoyable Christmas. Come back renewed so that, as a team, we'll have a great year and a wonderful time ahead. God bless you.



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# Merry Christmas

If you missed the First Regional Christmas Party on Thursday December 19 then you've done yourself an unforgiveable disservice! Apart from the variety of outfits and styles that were on display, the night will be remembered for the range and depth of talents that were unearthed. There was acting by the Highgate and St. Ann's Bay Branches, there was dancing and attempts at dancing; attempts at singing, and then there was Sharon! Awesome!!



Meanwhile, we were watching carefully to see if lighting was gwine strike during that lo-o-o-ong note dat coulda neva done! Perhaps she was auditioning for the next edition of The Voice competition. Look out Tessanne, Miss Forbes is in the room and nipping at your heels!

The rendition of 12 days of Christmas reminded everyone that some people had better stick to their day jobs. They just couldn't get Tavar to sing:



"Five-golden rings...." Tavar, Tavar, remember there's a distinct and vast difference between singing and speaking!

The Ocho Rios 'High Achievers' dance group served up a scorching five-song dance performance that left many breathless! Whew! And, the St. Ann's Bay's Scandal Police Station skit addressed a range of social issues including acquisition of visas, the rights and privileges of being a 'Matey, and that all-important matter of Jacket - Jamaican style.

Then Kirk's talking narrative of "O Holy Night" was a full mystery! I kept hearing that: "Kirk can sing man." But not a single "star was brightly shining" when he delivered his "O Holy Night." Believe me - so-so darkness descend inna di place!



Before that Mrs. Sharon O'Connor delivered a rendition of "My God is Awesome" that forced most people to come to the sad conclusion that some 'talents' are best buried in the Sea of Forgetfulness! And rightfully so!

Miss Merlene Forbes from Discovery Bay Branch 'discovered' her 'talent' very early in the evening with her rendition of "His eyes are on the Sparrow...and I know He watches me."



At the end of the 'song' I'm sure we all breathed a HUGE sigh of relief that our God is not only awesome, but He's also a loving, forgiving and merciful God - otherwise we would've been under serious threat of fyah, brimstone and a scorpion visitation - right there -same time!



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Sharon, please, never do that to us again. Wi not ready to go up in smoke yet!!

Some talents were surprising. Take a bow Mr. Eon Jarrett! Your rendition of "Mek di Christmas ketch yu in a good mood" really connected. You kept the rhythm and the tune. More importantly, you even allowed the staff to witness our CEO Ms. Smith's attempt to drop legs to the song's entreaty to "kick off your shoes...Nothing should stop your feet from dancing - c'mon it's Christmas time."



The only trouble was that by the time poor Ms. Smith eventually decided to kick off her shoes and go 'drop some legs', she was only able to mek exactly two moves - one, two - and the poor song tek it to heart, went into shock and done! Stop, brap same time!!

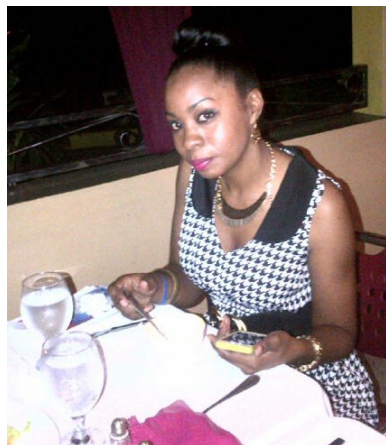


Seriously though, if you missed the Christmas party we can only share the pictures with you.....Enjoy!





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Ocho Rios' **High Achievers** get down to business and go through their paces



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